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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 2, 2003, for which a response is required August 2, 2003, the following remarks are responsive thereto.

The Examiner is requiring a restriction to one of two inventions referred to as Group I (claims 1-14, 27 and 28) and Group II (claims 15-26). Specifically, the Examiner states that the two groups are distinct inventions. Applicants herein elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-14, 27 and 28) and select the compounds where x is substituted aryl.

Respectfully submitted,

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